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USSR: May Day Slogans

May Day slogans this year reiterate the major initiatives of the recent Soviet party congress. The reappearance of the detente theme, which was dropped from the Revolution Day slogans list last November, indicates that the Soviets want either to keep the door open for talks with the US or to place the onus for failure of detente on the West. Soviet concern over Sino-US cooperation surfaced in a new phrase citing "the collusion between imperialism and hegemonism" as a negative factor in Asian security. Although Poland was not directly mentioned, the greetings to fraternal "socialist" countries included a phrase on the USSR's "unshakable determination to defend socialism's gains," echoing President Brezhnev's remarks on Poland at the congress. [REDACTED]

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